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BOSTON FISH PRICES LOWER.

Nearness of Christmas Affects the Demand.

The approach of Christmas is noted today in the drop of prices of fresh fish at T wharf. Some 30 trips are in, all but two from the shore grounds, and many fine fares among them, several of the boats having between 12,000 and 21,000 pounds, while sch. Aspinet has 32,000 pounds, an extra good catch.

Of the off shores, schs. Squanto and Josie and Phebe have 54,000 and 40,000 pounds respectively, and sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, from South Channel, has 25,000 pounds. Among the high boats are schs. George H. Lube, Sadie M. Nunan, Valentinna, Ida S. Brooks, Hockomock, Washakie, Thomas J. Carroll, Rita A. Viator, Alice, Eva and Mildred and Edith Silveira. Schs. Good Luck, Ralph Russell, Emily Sears and Emerald have nice pollock fares.

Off shore haddock went down to \$2.25 for old and \$2.75 for new, with shores at \$3 and \$3.50. Large cod were \$3.50 and \$3.75. Large hake held up well and pollock were strong at \$2.50 and \$2.60.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 2000 cod.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Almeida, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Hockomock, 8000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Washakie, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Josie and Phebe, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 5000 haddock, 1200 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Alice, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Emily Sears, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 9000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3500 hake.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Gracie E. Freeman, 7000 cod.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 3000 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 6000 cod.
Sch. Emerald, 13,000 pollock.
Sch. George H. Lube, 11,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Valentinna, 3000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 7500 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Good Luck, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Ralph Russell, 17,000 pollock.
Sch. Little Fannie, 2200 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.
Steamer Lydia, 1300 haddock, 300 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1500 haddock, 700 cod, 200 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Squanto, 8000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 hake, 25,000 cusk, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 17,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Aspinet, 18,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$3.75; market cod, \$2.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$4; pollock, \$2.50 to \$2.60.

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Herring Plentiful at Northwest Harbor.

The herring at Northwest Harbor, N. S., still continue plentiful, two large Lunenburg vessels having completed their cargo and the third arrived on Saturday for a load of frozen herring while thousands are being shipped daily to Halifax. In reference to the cold storage, says a Provincial exchange, where is there a more favorable site for the plant than at this same Northwest Harbor, thus giving our men the opportunity of carrying on business in their own municipality and at the same time benefiting it in every way.

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SCH. SQUANTO HUNG UP.

Touched on Ram's Head and Held Till the Next Tide.

Capt. Herbert Pubnicover, who took sch. Squanto on her last trip, met with an accident that has hung his vessel up on Ram's head, at the entrance to Boston harbor, Sunday night, and kept her there until the Monday afternoon tide. Capt. Pubnicover was ill and turned over the vessel to one of his men while he went below. He kept a lookout himself, however, and as the schooner was approaching the Graves he told the man to keep her over.

Just before she struck Capt. Pubnicover looked up from the companionway of the cabin, and told the man at the wheel to keep her off, but before the command could be obeyed the heel of the vessels caught, and she swung around and the bow grounded also. As Capt. Pubnicover had 60,000 pounds of fresh fish on board, and was anxious to get to the market for the opening yesterday morning, he got a towboat as soon as he could, but in the meantime the tide had gone down some, and the schooner held fast. The schooner was floated on last night's high water.

Sch. Mooween Fished Off Quero and Sable Island.

Sch. Mooween, Capt. Daniel McDonald, which arrived at Boston Sunday night had been out for four weeks, but had found halibut scarce. Capt. McDonald had fished down off Quero and Sable island, and found the weather there cold, but fair for fishing. He would have reached Boston last Saturday but for encountering a heavy snowstorm accompanied by a strong head wind while crossing the bay of Fundy. The return trip took five days. While he did not have much halibut the receipts for the cod and hake sold will help to swell the vessel's stock.

Caught 14-Pound Lobster.

Joseph Lefey, a member of the crew of fishing sch. John J. Fallon, one of yesterday's arrivals at T wharf, Boston, exhibited a 14-pound lobster which he brought to the surface while hauling trawls on the south channel grounds. He later disposed of it to the Quincy market fish house for \$2.

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Sardine Industry.

Norway packs 50,000,000 tins of sardines a year. On account of the high price of olive oil the Swedish factories have been experimenting with American cottonseed oil with which to immerse the sardines in the tins. Experts who have tried the two kinds—one in olive, the other in cotton seed oil—have been unable to detect which was which, so probably it will not be long before we Yankees are eating Swedish sardines packed in American oil.

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STEAM NETTERS MAKE GOOD HAULS

Shore Herring Fishery Believed Practically Over.

The steam netters Quoddy and Nomad struck good fishing on the shore grounds yesterday and came in here late yesterday afternoon, the former with 9000 pounds of fresh fish and the latter with 5000 pounds. Weather makes no difference to these crafts and they make daily trips.

This morning sch. Arcadia, Capt. Lemuel Firth arrived from Bonne Bay, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring. She left in company with schs. Ralph L. Hall and Arthur James, the latter being forced to harbor during bad weather at Louisburg, C. B., and sailing from there again Friday, while the former carried away her jumbo stay in the same blow and put into North Sydney, C. B., to repair, sailing again for home Saturday.

The Arcadia had a rough time of it, but met with no mishap and drove along all right.

The torchers have landed no herring for over a week now and it looks as though the jig was about up for fresh bait this season.

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The fact that owing to the anti-torching regulations, the torching fleet was greatly hampered in its work this fall and unable to operate on the good producing grounds, thus causing a very short fresh bait supply, made the vessels take frozen bait earlier and in larger quantities than usual, so that the frozen supply at present on hand is figured none too large to meet the demands which will be made on it during the winter, indeed some claim that the supply of frozen bait will be found to be too short to meet all demands before the season is over.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Arcadia, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1100 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mooween, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Actor, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Minerva, shore.
Sch. Tecumseh, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Appomattox, via Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Rebecca, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Matiana, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Richard, haddock.
Sch. Slade Gorton, haddock.
Sch. Lafayette, pollocking.
Sch. Matiana, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges, handlining.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 12c per lb.
Board of trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

On the Railways.

Sch. Reporter is on Burnham's railways.
Sch. Gracie is on Parkhurst's railways for repairs made necessary by going ashore at Plymouth a few weeks ago.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sunday's arrivals were schs. Albert W. Black, with 5000 lbs. fish; Marjorie Turner, 6000; sloop Minerva, 1000.

News From the Herring Fleet.

Sch. Arthur James, bound home from Bonne Bay, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring, sailed from Louisburg, C. B., on Friday.

Sch. Elizabeth N., bound for Bay of Islands, N. F., and sch. Smuggler, bound for Bonne Bay, N. F., both for herring cargoes, sailed from Louisburg, C. B., for their destinations on Friday.

Sch. Arethusa is reported loaded with salt herring at Bay of Islands, N. F., and ready to sail for home.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Quickstep was at Yarmouth, N. S., recently with 10,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Norman Fisher cleared from Louisburg, C. B., for St. Pierre, Miquelon, Saturday.

Sch. John Hays Hammond cleared from Louisburg, C. B., on Saturday.

Fresh Halibut Price.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Mooween at T wharf Monday, sold for 13 cents per pound right through.

Southern Fishery Notes

Red snapper catches have been quite plentiful of late and heavy cargoes are being received at Pensacola, Fla., for shipment to the northern markets. The smack Ruth A. Wells brought in 18,000 pounds on one trip. One day the entire catch amounted to 30 tons of fish.

The schs. Fortuna No. 1 and Good Hope chartered by the Gulf Fisheries Co., of Galveston, Tex., arrived in that port on December 6, with 58,000 pounds of red snapper. The arrival made the total catch of red snapper for the week over 100,000 pounds. The fish found a live market and were shipped as fast as they could be dressed.

Members of the Fishermen's Benevolent Association of Pensacola, Fla., Star of the Sea, at a recent meeting elected the following officers: President, W. F. Ballou (re-elected); vice president, Wm. G. Elliott; trustees, John Franey and Herman Le Roller. George Cooley was re-elected trustee. Secretary, John Holm (re-elected).

While coasting for shrimp at Galveston, Texas, last week, Eddie West took 16 varieties of fish with three throws of his net. There was shrimp, trout, flounders, mullet, blowfish, needlefish, silverfish, whiting, squib, jellyfish, angelfish, yellow tail, dogfish, catfish, crabs and another variety unknown to the fisherman.

Mullet and shad made up the bulk of the fish shipped from Savannah, Ga. Red snappers and sea bass are handled in large quantities for shipment to the western markets. Mixed fish, such as grouper, sheepshead, bass, trout, whiting and the like, are handled in smaller quantities and are shipped both to the local markets and to the west. The mullet are placed on the markets of Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina. They are secured from the fisheries on the east coast of Florida by contract, the local houses contracting before the season opens to handle the entire catch of the year. The mullet is from the Gulf of Mexico and is superior in variety to any other mullet.

Fresh Smelts from Newfoundland.

The Trade Review of St. John's, N. F., says:

"Every day sees the birth of some new enterprise in the way of getting more value from our fresh fish trade. A correspondent, writing from the West Coast, tells us that quite a new industry in the exportation of fresh smelts is growing up on the coast, and that a good many new dollars are being earned by men engaged in the business. An American company has lately established an agency at Sandy Point, Bay St. George, and if, after experimenting with smelts, they see any money in the business, they will go into handling other fresh fish as well. They have appointed, as an agent at Sandy Point, Capt. Charles A. Ozon, and if the experiment looks healthy the coming winter, the business will be broadened next season. Every venture of this sort looks small when taken by itself, but in the aggregate they tote up a good many dollars, and they are all new dollars, too."

New Brunswick Herring Fishery.

The New Brunswick fisheries report for the year ending March 31 says in regard to herring:

"This has been another poor year for the large herring industry, both smoked and salted in barrels. There were 2560 barrels salted this year, against 2460 in 1907, but a good catch would be at least 8000 barrels. There is also a large decrease in the amount of herring smoked as compared with last year or any recent year. Last year there were 3,995,700 pounds of smoked herring, and this year only 1,493,000 pounds. This large decrease is due to the failure of the medium sized and large herring fishery at Grand Manan. Their weirs were teeming with small sardine herring, but very few larger ones."

The Provincetown Fishing Fleet.

The Provincetown fishing schooners, which were hauled off last month after being out longer than for many years before, are being fitted out, and made ready for fishing. They will probably start soon after the holidays, and should the weather continue as it has been lately, much before their usual time.

There will be several changes among the captains of the Provincetown vessels, and some of the older captains are talking of remaining ashore, and turning their vessels over to younger men. There are some new vessels being built for Provincetown, however, and it is not unlikely that some of the older captains will take smaller vessels, which will give them easier work, and allow the larger ones to go to the young men.

FISH IN PLENTY
AT T WHARF.

Prices Are Fair, All Things Considered.

The boats had a fish day yesterday and in consequence quite a number of the shore boats are at T wharf with nice lots of live fish. Apparently some of the boats hung on for another set, intending to market tomorrow and then lay in over Christmas. Prices are above the kicking point, all things considered.

Several of the big off shore crafts which have been up against bad weather to the eastward, are home with not too large fares, among them being schs. Vennessa, Mildred Robinson and Lillian. Sch. Catherine and Ellen, from a deep sea hake spot of the "northern edge," has 38,000 pounds of fish, 25,000 pounds of which are "goats."

Of the shore boats, sch. Evelyn M. Thompson has the largest trip, 17,000 pounds, and schs. Mary Edith, Elva L. Spurling, Olive F. Hutchins and Hortense also have good catches.

Shore haddock sold for \$3 and \$3.50, while new off shore brought \$2.85, with old fish at \$2.25. Shore large cod were \$4, hake \$1 to \$3, and pollock took a drop to \$1.50.

The fishermen who run out from the Jersey shore in small boats, are beginning to make good catches, and are cutting off a good part of the Boston trade, especially in cod, which at this season run in large numbers along the coast of New Jersey. Yesterday, according to advices sent over, there were 130,000 pounds of cod on the New York market, and this stopped the sales that otherwise would have been made from Boston. The temporary loss of the New York trade is felt on the Boston market even though it comes at a time when the local trade is stimulated by the presence of smelts and the opening of the lobster season.

There was a large quantity of fish brought to the Boston market by rail and steamer yesterday and the Bangor steamer had an especially large quantity, showing that the small boats down on the Maine coast were able to go out and fish. Most of the fish was sold at private sale, but 16 boxes and 29 barrels of haddock, 20 boxes and 22 barrels of cod, 50 boxes of pollock, one box of hake and five boxes of mixed fish were sold at the exchange.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 10,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Mary Edith, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Actor, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Georgianna, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 2500 cod.
Sch. Dixie, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Vanessa, 11,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Pauline, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Galatea, 2000 haddock, 700 cod, 200 hake, 1500 cusk.
Sch. Aspinet, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, 28,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake, 2500 cusk.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 2500 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. Lucy B. Winsor, 800 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 5600 haddock, 900 cod, 1600 hake, 1000 cusk, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Seacpnnet, 4500 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 hake, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Lillian, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Yankee, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1200 hake, 500 cusk.
Sch. Hortense, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 200 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$3; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50.

Portland Fish Notes.

The local fishing fleet was in Monday in full force, all with fares, and the aggregate landed was the largest for any day in several months, fully 100,000 pounds of mixed fish having been brought in. The skippers and men of the fleet have been feeling pretty blue over their poor success the past few weeks and they are hoping for better luck from now onward. Some of the captains say that Sunday appears to be about the only day when they can get a chance to fish.

The vessels and their fares were: Schs. Fanny Hayden, with 7000 lbs. fish; Bernie and Bessie, 3000; Topsail Girl, 18,000; Lochinvar, 25,000; Richard J. Nunan, 6000; Mildred V. Nunan, 8000; A. Parkhurst, 1000; Mary E. Sennett, 3000; sloops Defender, 5000; Chandler R., 4000.

Newburyport Fishermen Made Good Catches.

Some of the Newburyport fishermen landed fish in the local market Saturday and Sunday, disposing of them to the Consumers' Fresh Fish Co.

Capt. Nestor Thurlow brought in 9000 pounds on Saturday and 8000 pounds Sunday.

Capt. Fred Goodwin had 3000 pounds for Saturday's work and 2100 pounds for Sunday's catch.

Capt. Walter King's men caught 2500 pounds Sunday.

The Consumers' Co. is shipping fresh fish to New York and Boston daily. The Newburyport Fish Cold Storage is sending on an average of two car loads of fish each week to the same points.

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Will Try to Float Sch. Dora A. Lawson.

Capt. Reuben Cameron has gone to Canso, N. S., to look after the interests of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company in sch. Dora A. Lawson of this port, which is ashore and in a bad position on Grassy island, at the mouth of Canso harbor. Capt. Cameron will arrive there tonight and a tug, which will try to float the craft, will get there today from Halifax, and the work of trying to get the vessel off will be commenced at once.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins Floated.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, which was recently ashore at Cape Porpoise, Me., was floated yesterday with the assistance of a tug. She lost most of her shoe.

Sailed for Salt Herring Cargo.

The Lunenburg, N. S., sch. Strathcona, which has discharged her cargo of Bonne Bay, N. F., salt herring here, sailed today for Fortune Bay, N. F., for another herring cargo.

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SCH. HARVARD
HAS GOOD FARE.Been Gone Five Weeks On
Eastern Handline Trip.

There were no arrivals here during the night, but several crafts came in yesterday afternoon. The steam netters Quoddy and Nomad had 3000 or 4000 pounds each of fresh fish, and sch. Mooween brought 30,000 pounds of salt cod down from Boston. This craft is in for the largest year's stock made in the fresh halibut fishery for a long time, and the figures will come handy to \$30,000.

Sch. Harvard, Capt. Hans Nelson, came in late yesterday afternoon from codfishing trip, hailing for 85,000 a five weeks eastern deck handline pounds of salt cod, a big fare for the time she has been gone. On his previous trip, in sch. Avalon, Capt. Nelson weighed off 72,000 pounds, so his has been a very successful fall season.

A few of the market boats are in and some have fish on board. The chances are a few may land and ship to Boston.

Contrary to expectation, it is no fish day outside, and most of the shore boats are putting back for harbor. Some fished yesterday and did not go to Boston, and three of them which came in here, schs. Ida M. Silva, Tecumseh and Mary DeCosta, landed their fares here, selling to Neal & Cooney.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Harvard, eastern deck hand-lining, 85,000 lbs. salt cod.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore, 7500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Tecumseh, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, via Boston.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.
Sch. Yankee, via Boston.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.
Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.
Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Br. sch. Strathcona, Fortune Bay, N. F.
Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Newfoundland frozen herring trip.
Sch. Lucania, haddocking.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Rebecca, shore.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Matiana, shore.
Sch. Minerva, shore.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, Boston.
Sch. Actor, Boston.
Sch. Appomattox, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Cynthia, haddocking.
Sch. James A. Garfield, Newfoundland herring trip.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 12c per lb.
Board of trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Tug Portland Floated.

The tug Portland was brought into York harbor late Tuesday night, after being floated at high tide by the tug M. Mitchell Davis of Portsmouth and the wrecking lighters Trilby and Charles Lawrence of Boston.

The Portland struck on Stone's rock, just outside of Portsmouth, December 10, and sank after being pulled off. It is planned to drag her high on the beach here to make temporary repairs. She is owned by the Central wharf towboat company of Portland, Me.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish receipts continue liberal and the dealers are now enabled to fill all out of town orders, something they could hardly do last week.

The Tuesday arrivals were:
Schs. Edmund F. Black, with 7000 lbs. fish; Kate L. Palmer, 4000; Marion Turner, 20,000; Mineola, 9000; Bernie and Bessie, 3000; Fanny Hayden, 3000.

THREE SALT HERRING CARGOES HERE.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty Brings Largest Load of the Season.

Three of the Newfoundland salt herring fleet are at this port this morning, from Bonne Bay with the much-wanted herring for the smokers. All the crafts had hard, head wind passages home, experiencing no tremendously heavy gales but just a steady strong blow from the gulf to Eastern Point. Latest advices from Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands show no change in the poor situation. There was an extra little spurt at Bonne Bay but it soon petered out, one craft getting enough to finish up her load out of it.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty brings the largest load of the season thus far, having 1800 barrels of salt bulk herring and 70 barrels of pickled goods. Schs. Judique and Ralph L. Hall, the other two crafts to come along, have 1325 and 1620 barrels respectively.

The fare of salt herring of sch. Judique is sold to the local smokers to be divided.

The fare of salt herring of sch. Ralph L. Hall is sold to Boston parties and the craft will go there to discharge.

All the Vessels Had Bad Weather on Passage Home.

All the vessels had bad weather, the Hall running into a gale off Scatteri in which her jumbo stay was carried away and she had to put in at North Sydney, C. B., to repair, delaying her four days. Schs. J. J. Flaherty and Judique pounded along through all the bad weather and met with no mishaps.

Capt. Gourley Anderson of sch. Judique has been only eight days on the way, with a dead head wind every inch of the voyage, a very creditable performance. The skipper reports that since coming out of Bonne Bay, until last night, the mainsail was not set once for the trip, the craft coming along under bank sail and bucking the strong steady westerly every minute. Under these conditions the craft has made a good passage.

Capt. Marr of sch. J. J. Flaherty reports also, rough weather, no especially heavy gales, but heavy winds and dead ahead, all the way home.

Sch. Oregon Bound Home.

Sch. Oregon is bound home from Bonne Bay, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring.

DENNETT WILL CLOSE BUSINESS.

Lack of Fresh Fish Receipts at This Port Obliges Him to Retire.

With His Father Has Been In Business For Many Years.

Owing to the lack of fresh fish supply at this port, William E. Dennett, who has conducted a fresh fish establishment at the Fort for many years, succeeding his father, who was also in the same business at the same point for a long term of years, has decided to close his place of business on the last day of this year.

Mr. Dennett said this morning that he hated to do it; he had hung on a long while, hoping that conditions would be better, but the fact was the

fish did not come, and with no stock to work on, there was nothing to do but close up. He dealt in shore fish, such as the little shore and market boats caught, but very few of them came here now, about all going to Boston. He said that he would probably sell his fixtures, scales and working outfit to Neal & Cooney, the new concern, which had recently started in at the Fort.

Mr. Dennett is an expert fresh fish man, and will probably soon locate in what he considers a more advantageous place for carrying on his business.

Had Long and Hard Trip.

Sch. Vanessa, Capt. Valentine O'Neil, which arrived at Boston yesterday morning, had a long and hard trip. The vessel was out in all the recent stormy weather, and was unable to fish for days. To add to the troubles one of the men became ill, and the vessel ran into Liscomb harbor to put him ashore for hospital treatment. Before he was removed, however, he improved, and remained on board, but a couple of days were lost in making harbor and getting back to the fishing grounds, where the weather was again too bad to permit of fishing.

Fresh Halibut Stock.

Sch. Mooween, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked \$2500 on her recent fresh halibut trip, the crew sharing \$62.50.

Good Price for Nova Scotia Lobsters.

The lobsters which came to Boston Monday on the Yarmouth steamer sold quickly. Most of them were sold at \$18 a crate of 140 pounds, but some of the dealers who were short paid as high as \$20 a crate. The next shipment, should it be as large as expected, will bring the price down lower. The peculiar restrictions on lobsters at Halifax make the dealers fear that the first shipment from there will not be large. A line is drawn from headland to headland at the harbor there, and no lobsters can be taken within the line until about January 6. This does not affect other places in the vicinity, however, and it is hoped that some will come from these towns.